

CHAS-338

18th century

LUCKETT'S HAZARD (ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE)

Private

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1 NAME

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2 LOCATION

East side of MD. Rt. 344 (Gilroy Road)

Doncaster

— VICINITY OF

1st

Maryland

Charles

3 CLASSIFICATION

PRESENT USE

—MUSEUM

__PARK

___PRIVATE RESIDENCE

__RELIGIOUS

___SCIENTIFIC

__TRANSPORTATION

X OTHER ABD.

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

Eugene L. Sanders

Telephone # :

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____ VICINITY OF

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Charles County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folìo #:

Charles Street (P.O. Box B)

La Plata

Maryland 20646

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☒ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located about three-quarters of a mile off the main public road, Luckett's Hazard is sited on a small knoll in the middle of a large field surrounded by several hundred acres of woodland.

A modest frame dwelling, of which little now remains, the house was built in two stages, the oldest part constituting the front (west) half of its present square plan.

Facing west, the initial house was three bays wide with the door centered. At each end stood a single exterior chimney with graduated weatherings of chamfered brick. The house was built on wide brick piers with field-stone bases and beneath it was a crude dirt floored cellar with an arched fireplace in the base of the south end chimney. The exterior walls were once sheathed with wide beaded boards, and the roof with riven clapboards laid vertically and with an average 18-inch exposure. The windows and front door were framed by narrow two-piece surrounds.

On the interior the house contained two ground floor rooms with plastered walls, batten doors with wrought "H" hinges, one-piece chairrails, and exposed ceiling joists. The ceiling joists, planed smooth and whitewashed, were not beaded. A narrow winding stair in the north room replaced the original when a crudely fashioned partition wall of narrow vertical boards was built in the late nineteenth century to create a central front passage. In the attic were two small bedchambers with plastered walls and small gable windows. With the exception of the chairrails, baseboards and two surviving doors, all of the remaining woodwork is of an early nineteenth century type. The two first floor fireplace mantels had been removed prior to the survey.

In the early nineteenth century a shed addition containing two rooms and a centered hall was built across the rear of the house, nearly doubling the dimensions of the first floor. When the addition was made the original exterior sheathing on the east wall of the house was covered by lath and plaster. At about the same time the earlier beaded sheathing boards of the end elevations were replaced with lapped boards.

Artifacts found in the cellar area and in the immediate vicinity of the house suggest that it might date as early as the mid-eighteenth century. A private cemetery located approximately two-tenths of a mile southwest of the house contains about eight graves. Only two, however, are marked by inscribed stones. A cemetery of the Hammack family, it is enclosed by an attractive wrought iron fence.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Luckett's Hazard is located on a 124-acre tract of land identified as parcel 71, Map 40 of the Charles County Tax Map (revised Jan. 1976).

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Charles County Planning Department

DATE

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STREET & NUMBER

Charles County Courthouse

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CITY OR TOWN

La Plata

STATE

Maryland

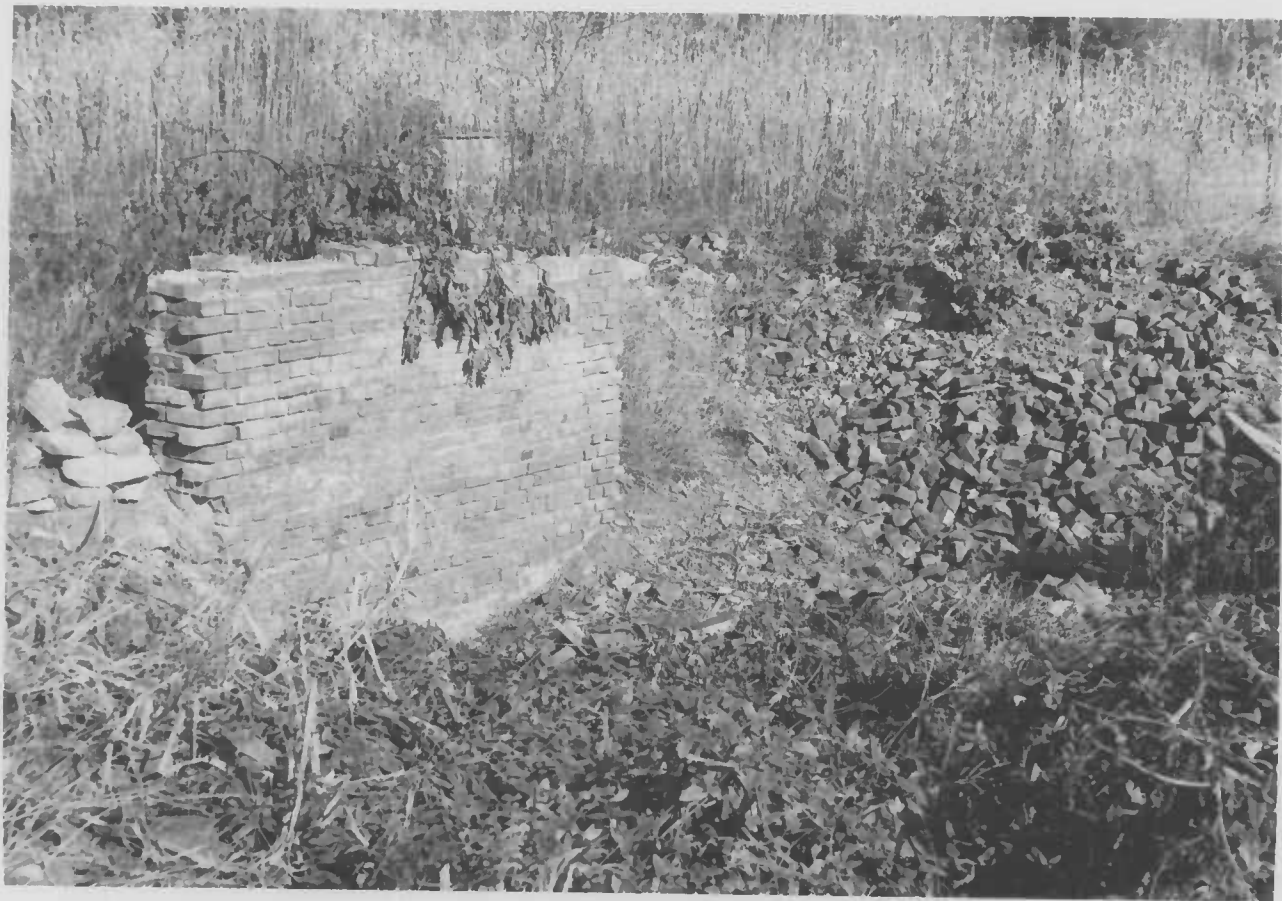
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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This house was recorded while it was being torn down. Slides of the house are in the possession of George Dyson, President of the Charles County Historical Society. Parts of the house were used in the "restoration" of Old Friendship (CHAS-8) and the Cat Slide (Burch) House (CHAS-23).



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LUCKETT'S HAZARD ARCH. SITE
NW Side, E. Fdn. JRRivoire, 1978